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Practitioner's Docket No. 350/001/CIF

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Hendrick, Kendall B., et al

Serial No: 09/844,833

Filed: April 27, 2001

For: Automated Microtome Blade Changer

Group No.: 3724

Examiner: Flores-Sánchez, Omar

Confirmation No. 2755

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to reply to an Office Communication mailed on September 14, 2004.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:
one month

Fee for other than small entity:
\$120.00

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 120.00

5. Extended period for response
Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been

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filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on January 14, 2005.

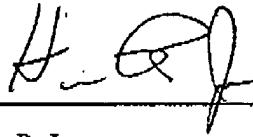
6. Fee Payment

Charge fee to Account No. 50-0861. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Date:

1/14/05



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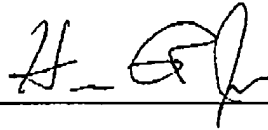
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